by a seminar in Islamabad on the same subject; (vi) agreement on exchange of information to check the illegal trafficking in narcotics; and (vii) exchange of radio correspondents.

The question of development of bilateral trade between the two countries was also discussed. However, there was no progress. Sub-Commission-II dealing with trade, like the other three Sub-Commissions, will be meeting again before the end of this year.

Western plot to destablise India

*50. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a Western plot with operational headquarters at Islamabad to destabilise the four Indian States of Jammu and Kashmir, the Punjab, Gujarat and Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) Government have no information to this effect. However, vigilance is constantly maintained regarding developments across the border which may have a bearing on our internal security.

Consensus on Reservation Policy

*51. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to re-examine the reservation policy; and

(b) whether Government intend to call an all party meeting to arrive at a consensus on the issue?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) The Government have no proposal to re-examine the existing reservation policy for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as provided in the Constitution.

With regard to reservation for the other backward classes, there is need to evolve a national consensus. The modality for achieving such national consensus is under consideration.

Landing of AI flight with very low fuel at Montreal

*52. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that flight AI-109 from London to New York landed with very low fuel at Montreal on the 19th April, 1985; and

(b) whether any enquiry has been held in the case and responsibility fixed for this gross negligence and action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Air India's AI-109 flight from London to New York landed at Toronto and not Montreal on the 19th April, 1985. The aircraft could not land at John F. Kennedy airport in New York due to thunder storm and subsequent airport closure. It was made to hold under radar control and was given height and directions to fly. At deadline fuel to diversion, the Captain asked the controller for diversion to Montreal, the planned alternate. The Radar Controller in New York, however, kept the aircraft at low level for quite

some time due to heavy congestion in the New York area resulting in higher consumption of fuel. Following the suggestion of the Flight Despatcher at New York, the Commander had decided to divert to Toronto because of the availability of maintenance facility at that airport. The aircraft landed safely at Toronto.

(b) A Departmental Inquiry has been held into the incident. The Commander has been suitably briefed for future guidance and has been given route checks on London/New York sector. Guidance has also been given to Commanders based at London.

Talks with leaders of the Assam Movement

*53. SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADA SWAMY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made in the talks with the leaders of the Assam movement on the issue of foreign nationals·

(b) whether any deadline has been fixed to resolve the issue; and

(c) if not, what are the main points on which differences have arisen and the different stands taken by Government and the movement leaders?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c) Considerable ground has been covered during the current series of discussions between the representatives of the Government and the agitation leaders. Government are hopeful that solutions acceptable to all concerned will be found at an early date.

Visit by the Foreign Minister of the Federal Republic of Germany

*54. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Minister of the Federal Republic of Germany recently visited India; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the visit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During his meetings with Indian leaders, the Foreign Minister of the Federal Republic of Germany exchanged views on matters covering bilateral and international relations. It is hoped that as a result of this visit a fresh impetus will be given to bilateral economic and political relations and there will be a better mutual appreciation of our perceptions of international issues.

Compensation to the next of Kin of Victims of Violence and Military Action in Punjab

*55. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:
DR. H. P. SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to pay Rs. 20000 to the next of kin of each victim of agitation and military action in Punjab;

(b) whether those killed in operation Blue Star are included therein; and

(c) what steps have been taken for the early implementation of the decision?